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SUBJECT: MOTOR VEHICLE DOMESTIC CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

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1. RE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON DOMESTIC CONTENT REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTOMOBILES, NO REGULATIONS OR RULE OF ORIGIN SCHEME EXISTS FOR IMPORTS OF FINISHED VEHICLES TO MOROCCO.
2. REGULATIONS DO REQUIRE LOCAL MANUFACTURERS, PROVIDED QUALITY AND COST ARE EQUIVALENT, TO INCORPORATE LOCALLY MADE PARTS IN PRODUCTION. SOMACA, BERLIET, VOLVO, FORD AND OTHER COMPANIES USE 40-50 PER CENT MOROCCAN- MADE PARTS IN CARS AND TRUCKS, INCLUDING BATTERIES, PAINT, SPRINGS, TIRES, TUBES AND UPHOLSTERY. CONSIDERABLE LATITUDE IS GRANTED IN COMPLYING WITH ABOVE REGULATIONS: SOMACA HAD FIVE YEARS TO MOVE TO CURRENT DOMESTIC PARTS LEVEL.
3. GOM IMPOSES 150 PER CENT DUTY ON IMPORTS OF FINISHED VEHICLES TO PROTECT LOCALLY ASSEMBLED CARS. THESE ARRIVE BROKEN DOWN AND ARE ASSEMBLED HERE DUTY FREE, INCORPORATING LOCAL PARTS AS NOTED.

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4. RATIONALE BEHIND ABOVE PRACTICE IS TO DEVELOP LOCAL

INDUSTRY CAPABLE OF COMPETING INTERNATIONALLY. MOROCCAN
TIRE INDUSTRY'S CURRENT EXPORTS TO EC AND NEARBY AFRICAN
MARKETS INDICATES SUCCESS OF ABOVE POLICY.COON

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